



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2005

City Hall – 7th Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Randy Akes, Jr., Wivory Brandle, Barbara Brown, Mary Jane Dana, Christina Duran, Norm Gritton, Nancy Hart, Laurie Hoirup, Nanci Larsen, David McNiel, Heather Troxel,

Members Excused: Bruno DeBayona, Carolyn Hart, Dana Kruckenberg, Marisol Ruiz, Pat Watson

Members Unexcused: Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Erin House, Annette Martinez-Lievanos

Guests: Fred Stickler, Gary Cordry, Maire Leggette, Gurumantra Khalsa, Cindy Jensen

Staff: Eva Yakutis McNiel

1. Call to Order/Introductions – New member welcome

Meeting called to order by Chairman Akes at 6:35 pm. New member Gary Cordrey from the Downtown Chamber will be taking over from Brian Percy effective immediately; Gurumantra Khalsa was also welcomed and accepted an open position offered him as runner-up to the board for area 2.

2. Approval of Minutes, April 4, 2005

(Larsen/Gritton/Carried)

3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- None

4. Subcommittee Report – Neighborhood Matching Grants

- a. Subcommittee recommended funding for Redwood Drive Neighbors by the Park (Larsen/Gritton/Carried)
- b. Subcommittee recommended funding for South Arlington Neighborhood Watch Association (Dana/Troxel/Carried)

5. Subcommittee Report– “Develop Plan for Areas to Collaborate on Neighborhood Networking and Organizing”

- Mary Jane Dana provided a draft of the RNP brochure for use at the Cinco de Mayo event in Casa Blanca
- Norm Gritton's area offered to host the June meeting in Area 4
- Norm Gritton reported on RNP T-shirts. Mary Jane Dana made a motion to wear the burgundy T-shirts from last year at Cinco de Mayo (Dana/Duran/Carried)
- Wivory Brandle suggested fundraising for RNP items such as T-shirts

6. Neighborhood Conference

- a. Neighborhood Organizing Session to be given by RNP
 - Vounteers: Christina Duran, Nancy Larsen, Heather Troxel, Mary Jane Dana

7. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Marie Leggette will be invited to join as the final alternate for Area 2.
- b. Community Police Review Commission

8. Other Business/Public Comment

- Heather Troxel will be donating a piece of stained glass to the conference raffle
- Cindy Jensen of Historic Wood Streets Assn reported that they will be holding their quarterly meeting at the Alumni House this Saturday at 10:00 am.
- Eva McNiel reported on the Southern California Neighborhood Partners meeting
- Mary Jane inquired as to whether Gary Cordrey would be working on the website plans that Brian Percy started
- Christina Duran reported on the Juan Carlos Garden rededication, Project SOAR, Coalition for Common Ground's Sista Space, and the Park and Recreation egg hunt at Orange Terrace Park
- Laurie Hoirup reported on the availability of computer lab at Community Access Center for use by people with disabilities

9. Next Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2005

10. Meeting adjourned

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